

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of April, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: John C. Thompson, Karen Hodock, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Thompson called the April 2009 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge to the flag was led by the Supervisor, Mr. Ramsey...

APRIL 28, 2009 MTG AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES

***** Motion to approve the April 28, 2009 meeting agenda with changes was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the minutes of March 24, 2009, April 9th and April 15, 2009, bills for the month of April 2009, in the amount of \$279,247.94, payrolls of April 1 and April 15th, 2009 totaling \$178,554.64, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

VDOT REPORTS

Chairman Mr. Thompson advised that the VDOT representatives would be in attendance at the Public Hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ramsey requested information as to how to bring Dry Hollow Road into the state system.

SOCIAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 2009 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the February 2009, Social Services report in the amount of \$63,604.54, with the local allotment of \$13,638.70, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOLS MAY 2009 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' May 2009 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2009, March 17, 2009, and March 23, 2009 and to approve all check registers submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the month of March 2009 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded made by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer reported collection of 92% of the 2008 real estate taxes and the collection of 97% in personal property taxes, and advised approximately 4700 county decals have been sold to date.

E-911 COORDINATOR REPORTS

Willie Howlett, Coordinator reported upgrades to the 911 system are completed and revisions to the EOP continue.

SMYTH-BLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Lois Shupe, representative, reported the March 2009 library statistics.

GENERAL REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Stacy Grady, General Registrar offered information on the Code statute allowing for a Board of Supervisor At Large and the timeframe is accomplishing this task to meet the election deadlines.

The County Attorney was directed to check on the clearance from the Justice Department on the location of the Farmer's Market.

BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building Official reported on inspections performed and permits issued in the month of April 2009.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Paul Cassell, County Attorney reported on the investigation of a local tax on cigarettes and costs associated with the tax.

JACKSON EDUCATIONAL POOL APPLICATION PASSES

*****MOTION to approve the Educational Pool Application of Remona Jackson with a reimbursement of \$500.00 contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the course was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

UTILITIES/GENERAL LEDGER WRITE-OFF APPROVED

Treasurer, John Goins spoke to the board with the request to write-off \$6,636.44, the difference between the actual bank balance and the general ledger. Based upon the recommendation of the auditors it appears to be accumulations of mostly utility adjustments or credits that are not hitting the ledger correctly.

*****MOTION to approve the write-off of \$6,636.44 and work with Mr. Garcia and BAI in correcting this software issue was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

LAW LIBRARY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO 08-09 BUDGET

*****MOTION to approve an additional \$1,500.00 to the 08-09 Law Library fund budget as requested by Clerk of Circuit Court was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FROM COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT TO THE INDIAN VILLAGE APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the budget transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Indian Village, \$112,541.23 associated with the debt pay off acquiring the Indian Village and up to \$20,000 to pay the IRS debt was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

BREWSTER FIREWORKS APPLICATION AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Fireworks Application of Roger Allen Brewster for the event of July 11, 2009 at the Hollybrook Ball field and waive the permit fee was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WAIVED
BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVED

*****MOTION to waive the \$100.00 Conditional Use Permit fee of the County to install a self-support telecommunication tower and also waive the \$1,125.19 building permit fee for the telecommunication tower and the manufactured class room, located at 15 Osborne Drive (Mechanicsburg Community Center) was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

PHILLIP MYERS PROCLAMATION RATIFIED

*****MOTION to ratify the Phillip Myers Proclamation of 4-17-2009 was approved upon motion made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

NACO PRESCRIPTION DRUG CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator presented an update on the usage and cost savings to residents utilizing the NACO prescription drug card.

SWEET PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

Chairman John Thompson read the Proclamation in Recognition and Appreciation of Jonathan Sweet, for his service to the citizens as Bland County's Administrator.

CLOSED SESSION *****"Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1 of the Code of Virginia was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

"Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR COUNTY SELF-SUPPORTING TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER
PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Mr. Thompson opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the application from the County of Bland for a Conditional Use Permit to install a self-supporting telecommunication tower on Tax Map #61A1-A-2, located at 15 Osborne Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Thompson closed the public hearing.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR TOWER APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the application of the County to install the 90' self-supporting tower with the 20 preset conditions upon the property known as the Mechanicsburg Community Center was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

VDOT SIX-YR. SECONDARY ROAD PLAN PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Thompson opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment on the County's 6-yr Secondary Road Plan for fiscal years 2009/10 through 2014/15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lucy Rudder, resident inquired as to the status of Old Mill Rd. and ask how state cuts would impact the mowing, snow removal and repairs to pot holes upon the back roads.

VDOT PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mr. Thompson closed the VDOT Public Hearing from public comments.

VDOT SECONDARY SIX-YEAR PLAN RESOLUTION PASSES

*****MOTION to approve the VDOT Secondary Six-Year Plan for the Fiscal Years 2009/10 though 2014/15 and the Secondary System Construction Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING

*****MOTION to approve up to \$500.00 on a beautiful community project using the Big Give Girl Scout group, approve \$1,000.00 to the Holly brook Fire Dept, for a new roof, \$500.00 to the VFW and another \$1,000.00 to the Hollybrook Fire Dept., monies being transferred from the community improvement funds was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

HALL APPOINTED INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

*****MOTION to appoint Carol Hall as Interim County Administrator, effective May 16, 2009 was made by Karen Hodock, with second made by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

BLAND GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL PROCLAMATION

*****MOTION to approve the Girls Varsity Basketball Proclamation, acknowledging the champions title, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed 4-0.

CONTINUED This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m. May 6, 2009 to the conference room.

John C. Thompson, Chairman

Carol J. Hall, Deputy Clerk of the Board